

REMARKS

Claim 1, has been amended, to remove its dependence on claim 20 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 35 is added for a product made according to method of claim 1. Claims 20-24 are withdrawn and canceled. They are to be pursued in a divisional application. Claims 1-18 and 35 are pending in this application. Since they contain allowable subject matter, as per examiner recent action, we respectfully submit that they be allowed to issue.

Applicants believe that examiner did not fully apply their arguments to refute the objections to claims 20-34 as against Gu et al., and Gu et al. in combination with either Miura et al. or Aitken et al. However, to facilitate acceptance of the allowable matter and obtain a patent on the method of production of the unique and novel product, applicant, with traverse, has chosen to modify claim 1 to create a basic independent claim.

Applicants indicate their intention to continue to prosecute the withdrawn claims in a divisional to be filed to capture the patentable product which has been the subject of the withdrawn claims 20-34.

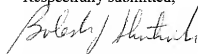
It is also understood that to permit issuance the withdrawn claims must be formally cancelled. Applicants thus withdraw and cancel claims 20-34, in accordance with normal procedures to permit the full allowances of claims 1-18 and to allow them to issue on this nearly 5 year-old application.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 and 35 are allowable. An early action to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions that a phone call could help advance allowance of the present invention

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